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SUBJECT: GOP AGRICULTURAL MINISTER TO VISIT WASHINGTON

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1. PANAMANIAN AGRICULTURAL MINISTER PAREDES WILL TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON NEXT WEEK TO ATTEND MEETINGS OF THE JOINT U.S.-REPUBLIC OF PANAMA COMMISSION FOR THE PREVENTION OF FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE (COPFA) ON FRIDAY, MARCH 11, AND THE INTER-AMERICAN REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR VESICULAR DISEASES (RICAZ) ON MONDAY, MARCH 14. PAREDES WILL REPORTEDLY PRESENT A PROPOSAL AT THE COPFA MEETING TO REDRAW THE BOUNDARIES OF THE LIVESTOCK CONTROL ZONES IN THE DARIEN TO EAST CONSTRATINS ON THE AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE AREA. AN EFFECTIVE CARRIER AGAINST THE SPREAD OF FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE (FMD) WILL BE MAINTAINED BY INCREASED REGULATIONS AND MONITORING OF THE REVISED CONTROL ZONES WITH THE OPTION THAT SOME AREAS IN THE ZONES COULD BE DESIGNATED AS A NATIONAL PARK.

2. PAREDES HAS RECEIVED ASSURANCES THAT PANAMA WILL HAVE THE LEAD-OFF POSITION ON THE RICAZ AGENDA TO DISCUSS THE FMD CONTROL PROGRAMS IN PANAMA AND COLOMBIA, FOCUS-
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ING ON THEIR RELATIONSHIP TO THE CONTINUATION AND COMPLETION OF THE DARIEN GAP HIGHWAY (DGH). HE IS VERY CONCERNED ABOUT RECENT FMD OUTBREAKS IN COLOMBIA CLOSE TO THE PANAMANIAN BORDER AND WILL DISCUSS JOINT PANAMANIAN-COLOMBIAN COOPERATION AND CONTROL MEASURES TO AVOID THE FURTHER SPREAD OF FMD. PAREDES WILL ALSO PROBABLY USE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RESTATE THE GOP'S POSITION THAT THE

U.S. DISTRICT COURT INJUNCTION AGAINST U.S.G. PARTICIPATION
IN ANY ADDITIONAL WORK ON THE DGH CONTRAVENES THE INTER-
NATIONAL AGREEMENT SIGNED MAY 6, 1971, BETWEEN THE U.S.
AND PANAMA FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE HIGHWAY. PANAMA
IS CONCERNED THAT THE DGH PROJECTS LOCATED WITHIN THE
REPUBLIC OF PANAMA HAVE BEEN SERIOUSLY AFFECTED BY THIS
INJUNCTION EVEN THOUGH PANAMA HAS PURSUED A VIGOROUS FMD
CONTROL PROGRAM IN THE AREA. WHILE PAREDES RECOGNIZES
THAT A MAJOR FACTOR IN THE GRANTING OF THE INJUNCTION WAS
THE LACK OF PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTING AN EFFECTIVE FMD
PROGRAM IN COLOMBIA, IT IS UNLIKELY THAT HE WILL CRITICIZE
COLOMBIA'S DILATORY PROGRESS IN FMD CONTROL SINCE THE GOP

IS WARY OF JEOPARDIZING ITS REGIONAL COALITION OF SUPPORT
ON THE CANAL ISSUE; A COALITION IN WHICH COLOMBIA HAS TAKEN
AN ACTIVE ROLE.

3. WHILE IN WASHINGTON PAREDES WILL ALSO CONFER WITH
OFFICIALS OF THE INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK ON
PANAMA'S ARTISAN FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. EMASSY
WILL PROVIDE DETAILS OF TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS WHEN AVAILABLE.
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